

Judith A. Monroe, M.D. State Health Commissioner



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FROM:

April 3, 2009

TO:

All Local Health Departments Attn: Chief Food Specialist

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A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

Harry and David -Pistachio Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION:

Pistachio Recall; Due to Salmonella; Recommend notification of affected stores via

phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled product was distributed in Indiana. Mail Order Products distributed throughout the United States beginning October 2008. Harry and David Store Products distributed exclusively in Harry and David Stores in the United States. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Harry and David Recalls a Pistachio Nut Candy, Mendiants, Due to the Pistachio Nut Recall by Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc.

Contact:

Mr. Bill Ihle EVP, Corporate Relations 541 864-2145 (Media Calls Only)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- April 2, 2009 -- Harry and David, of Medford, Oregon, is voluntarily recalling three Harry & David products, a Mendiant Assortment, a Capiz Chocolate Tower containing Mendiants, and Fruit and Nut Mendiants. These products contain pistachios. The pistachios may be part of the recall by Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. due to contamination with *Salmonella*.

Salmonella is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail and elderly people and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneruysms), endocarditis and arthritis. For more information on salmonella, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention web-site at www.cdc.gov.

The Mendiants are flat pieces of chocolate candy with fruit and nut pieces on top. Affected products are in the following items:



Mail Order Products distributed throughout the United States beginning October 2008.

Mendiant Assortment – A 9 oz. box of 15 candies containing an assortment of 3 mendiant flavors. Each piece is individually wrapped in plastic. The dark chocolate and white chocolate flavors contain pistachios. The lot codes of affected products start with: 0229M, 2818M, 3048M and 3518M. These lot codes are printed on the plastic wrapper covering the base of the box of candy. UPC 7 8099430755 1 The Mendiant Assortment also was distributed to two recipients in Canada.

Capiz Chocolate Tower – A gift tower consisting of three wooden boxes with lacquered shells on the lids: The top box contains an assortment of 10 caramel and nut candies. Pistachios are in the one dark chocolate pistachio cluster candy in the assortment, but these candies are not affected by the recall. The middle box contains 16 candies containing an assortment of mendiant flavors. Each piece is individually wrapped in plastic. The dark chocolate (5 each) and white chocolate (5 each) flavors contain pistachios. The bottom box contains an assortment of chocolate candies. These candies do not contain pistachios. All lots are being recalled.

Harry and David Store Products distributed exclusively in Harry and David Stores in the United States.

Fruit and Nut Mendiants – A 9 oz. box of 15 candies containing an assortment of 3 mendiant flavors. Each piece is individually wrapped in plastic. The dark chocolate and white chocolate flavors contain pistachios. The lot codes of affected products start with: 0229M, 0289M and 0299M. These lot codes are printed on the plastic wrapper covering the base of the box of candy. UPC 7 8099475179 8

There have been no illnesses or injuries reported to date affiliated with these products. Anyone concerned about an illness/injury should contact a physician immediately. Harry and David has informed FDA of its actions and is fully cooperating with the Agency.

Consumers with any of these products may return them to Harry and David for a full refund. Store products may be returned to Harry and David Stores. Mail order customers should call the Customer Service line listed below. Consumers with questions about the recalled product may phone the Harry and David Customer Service division at 800-233-1101, 24 hours a day.

Contact for regulatory officials: Charlene Harwood, Food Safety Manager, 541-864-2928.

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Photos: Product Labels

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